

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: EFFICIENT USE OF TELEPHONE NUMBERING RESOURCES	DOCKET NO. NOI-00-3
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ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO ACTIVATE CODES

(Issued September 11, 2001)

On August 24, 2001, Mid-Iowa Telephone Co-op (Mid-Iowa) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request to extend the time for activating two central office codes in the 641 area code, identified as 641-502 and 641-503. The two codes were assigned to Mid-Iowa by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) on January 6, 2001, for use in a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) project. Pursuant to the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the codes had to be activated within six months of that date or returned to NANPA. However, the FCC rules delegate authority to the Board to extend that deadline in appropriate situations.

In its request, Mid-Iowa states that the complexity of its new CLEC project, coupled with unexpected delays in equipment delivery, have delayed the anticipated activation date for the two codes. However, Mid-Iowa states it is making progress and expects to have the codes in service within 60 days, if the Board grants an

extension. In the absence of an extension, Mid-Iowa will have to request replacement codes, a process that would delay the CLEC project.

The Board will grant the requested extension to November 1, 2001. Under these specific circumstances, no useful purpose would be served by requiring Mid-Iowa to relinquish these codes and apply for replacement codes. However, the Board will be not grant any further extensions except under the most compelling of circumstances.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request for extension of time filed on August 24, 2001, by Mid-Iowa Telephone Co-op is granted. Mid-Iowa has until November 1, 2001, to place central office codes 641-502 and 641-503 into service.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11th day of September, 2001.